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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 10)

REF: A. GENEVA 5548, B. GENEVA 5508

1. THE COMMITTEE CONVENED FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 8 AND AFTER
LIMITED GENERAL DEBATE, ADJOURNED TO PERMIT THE AFRICAN GROUP
TO CAUCUS. (OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BEGIN
FOLLOWING AFRICAN CONSULTATIONS.)

2. THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS, IN
INTRODUCING THE JOINT CANADIAN/SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION
(CRP.1.(LXIII)), NOTED THAT CANADA HAD HELD AN EXTENSIVE SERIES
OF CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA, NAIROBI, NEW YORK AND CAPITALS FOR
THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING A SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE ON THE QUES-
TION OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. CRP.1 (LXIII) WAS AN
ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE "THE BASIS FOR COMPROMISE BETWEEN TWO DIS-
TANT ALTERNATIVES NEITHER OF WHICH COMMANDS THE SUPPORT NEEDED
TO REACH AGREEMENT." (HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE RESOLUTION DID
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NOT REPRESENT THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE OF THE CANADIAN GOVERN-
MENT ON THE KEY QUESTIONS OF INSTITUTIONAL LINK AND LOCATION.)
SWEDEN AS CO-SPONSOR ALSO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPROMISE
FORMULA AS DID FINLAND, NORWAY AND COLOMBIA (COLOMBIA JOINED AS
CO-SPONSOR).

3. SOVIET BLOC SPEAKERS TOOK THE POSITION THAT CHBP AND OTHER

SEGMENTS OF ESA HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY CARRYING OUT COORDINATION NEEDS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, AFTER EXPRESSIONS OF CAUTION AND THE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WORK GOING FORWARD ON RESTRUCTURING, THEY ACKNOWLEDGED CRP.1 (LXIII) MIGHT BE A BASIS FOR COMPROMISE.

4. NIGERIA, ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP, STATED THAT THE GROUP INTENDED TO PUT FORWARD THEIR OWN RESOLUTION (SEE REFTTEL 2) BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO CONDUCT GROUP CONSULTATIONS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TRANSLATING FACILITIES. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT GENERAL DEBATE SHOULD BE LIMITED, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE AFRICAN S TO USE THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND THEREBY EXPEDITE COMMENCEMENT OF INTER-REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS. USDEL HAD PLANNED TO MAKE POSITIVE GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT DRAWING ON POSITION PAPER, BUT GIVEN CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST, CHOSE TO DEFER COMMENTS TO WORKING GROUP SESSIONS. (FYI. NGO'S WHICH HAD ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, WERE TOLD TO SUBMIT THEIR STATEMENTS IN WRITING. END FYI)

5. THE PHILIPPINES SUBMITTED NINE AMENDMENTS TO CRP.1 (LXIII), DESIGNATED AS DOCUMENT CRP.2 (LXIII), SET FORTH AS PARA 6 BELOW. SOME OF THE AMENDMENTS ARE EDITORIAL (TITLE CHANGES), BUT MOST ARE FUNDAMENTAL; I.E., THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAM WILL BE AT THE USYG LEVEL REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE SYG, AND THE PROGRAM IS TO BE LOCATED IN VIENNA. (THE JAPANESE MAY ALSO CONSIDER VIENNA A POSSIBLE SITE, PERHAPS AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A FALLBACK LOCATION.)

6. COMMENT: AT THIS JUNCTURE IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER COUNTRIES ARE LOCKED INTO OR HOLD AS WIDE A DIVERGENCE OF POSITIONS, AS THEY DID IN PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE EXTREMELY COMPLICATED, FAST-MOVING AND FLUID, WITH MANY DIFFERENT TEXTS EMERGING AGAINST AN ABUNDANT BACKGROUND OF RUMORS. THE USDEL WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE DEPT INFORMED OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AND TO SORT OUT THE MAIN TRENDS OF REGIONAL AND KEY COUNTRY VIEWS.

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BEGIN TEXT:

1. SECTION II: TITLE

"COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY
"COUNCIL ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS". WHEREVER THE WORD "COMMISSION"
APPEARS IN THE RESOLUTION IT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "COUNCIL".

2. SECTION III: TITLE

"HABITAT, THE CENTRE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS", SHOULD BE REPLACED
BY "THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME (UNHSP)".
WHEREVER THE WORD "CENTRE" APPEARS, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY
"PROGRAMME".

3. IN PARAGRAPHS 15 AND 16 OF SECTION III, THE WORDS
"HABITAT SECRETARIAT" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "SECRETARIAT FOR
UNHSP". WHEREVER THE WORDS "HABITAT SECRETARIAT" APPEAR IN
THE RESOLUTION, THEY SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "SECRETARIAT FOR
THE UNHSP".

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4. IN PARAGRAPH 16 OF SECTION III, THE WORDS "ASSISTANT
SECRETARY-GENERAL" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "UNDER-SECRETARY-
GENERAL".

5. PARAGRAPH 17 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"DECIDES THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNHSP WILL REPORT
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS".

6. PARAGRAPH 22 OF SECTION III SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"DECIDES THAT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNHSP WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN VIENNA".

7. PARAGRAPH 23 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"DECIDES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION SHOULD BE LOCATED IN VIENNA".

8. DELETE PARAGRAPH 14 OF SECTION II.

9. REPLACE PARAGRAPH 19 OF SECTION III WITH THE FOLLOWING:

"DECIDES TO DESIGNATE THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE COUNCIL ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AS THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THE UNHHSF PROGRAMMES, ESPECIFICALLY RETAINING THE FOUNDATION'S PRIMARY OPERATIVE OBJECTIVES OF ASSISTING THE STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL PROGRAMMES RELATED TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SEED CAPITAL AND THE EXTENSION OF THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE".

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10. IN THE PREAMBULAR SECTION, ADD THE FOLLIWING WORDS AT THE END OF THE SECOND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH: "AND DECISION 31/411 A". END TEXT.SORENSEN

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